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HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS.

I. STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE.

II. COLLOCATED BASES. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE.-

III. IMPLICATIONS OF REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL. FINAL
VERSION OF STUDY AS REPORTED NATO 1830 PROVIDES USEFUL
ANALYSIS OF THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO POLADS
SUGGESTION OF SUBMITTING THE REPORT TO MINISTERS FOR THEIR
INFORMATION, PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN
REPORT. LIKEWISE, NO OBJECTION TO REFERRING THE REPORT TO
THE DPC FOR EXAMINATION OF DEFENSE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS.
WHILE WE DO NOT WANT TO GET THE NAC INTO THE BUSINESS OF
UPDATING LARGE STUDIES SUCH AS THIS, AND THEREFORE CONCUR
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THAT WE SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO FACTOR IN THE IMPLICATIONS OF

FAISAL'S DEATH, WE DO THINK THAT SADAT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CANAL WILL BE REOPENED ON JUNE 5 SHOULD BE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY BY REVISING PARA 2(B) OF THE MAIN REPORT, AND ITS FOOTNOTE.

IV. AUDITS OF INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNTS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC 1973. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE. KISSINGER

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